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GRANTS TO STATES UNDER AIBP
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that to include grant component in Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) with 70% loan and 30% grant for general category States and 10% loan and 90% grant for special category States for projects under Fast Track Programme;

(b) if so, which are the States in general category and fast track programme; and

(c) in how many States, an incentive of conversion of loan to grant has been implemented, category-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c) The grant component was included in the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) with effect from 1-4-2004 with 70% loan and 30% grant for general category States and 10% loan and 90% grant for special category states for projects under Fast Track Programme. An incentive for conversion of loan to grant as mentioned above was also given to the projects not under Fast Track if completed on schedule. However, in its meeting held on 16th March, 2005, the Cabinet has further relaxed the criteria of AIBP to allow grant component under AIBP at the stage of release of CLA for Fast Track projects as well as for projects not under Fast Track Programme of AIBP. Accordingly, grant was provided to 26 States which were provided CLA under AIBP during 2004-05.